Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Tuesday 19 Jan 2021 until 23:59 on Wednesday 20 Jan 2021

Forecast Issued on Monday 18 Jan 2021 at 15:52 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence for an unsettled period of weather from Wednesday but low confidence for details for snowfall and strength on the winds on Wednesday and Thursday.

Headline for Tuesday 19 Jan 2021: Wintery showers continuing with some bright or sunny spells and light winds.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 19 Jan 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light snow showers (night)	Light snow showers (night)	Light snow showers (night)	Light snow showers	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Light snow showers (night)	Light snow showers (night)
Precipitation probability							
20%	20%	20%	20%	20%	20%	20%	20%

Forecast for Tuesday 19 Jan 2021

Weather: Snow or sleet showers continuing overnight but becoming drier with some clear spells and a sharp frost around dawn. After dawn there will be some sunny spells throughout the morning but a few wintery showers continuing. Some sunny spells are likely in the afternoon with showers becoming confined to western most ranges and the Cuillins.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 60% temporary areas of cloud Shrouding the summits in snow showers. More chance further inland around the hills of Easter Ross.

Visibility: Very good visibility is likely outwith showers, poor or very poor in wintery showers.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	23/28 W	22/28 SW	22/28 SW	18/23 SW	15/19 SW	12/16 SW	9/11 S	6/7 S	6/7 SE
900	21/26 W	21/27 SW	21/27 SW	18/23 SW	14/18 SW	11/15 SW	8/11 S	5/7 S	5/7 SE
600	13/19 SW	12/18 SW	12/18 SW	11/16 SW	9/14 SW	8/12 SW	5/8 S	4/6 S	4/6 SE
300	4/18 W	3/17 SW	4/18 SW	4/15 SW	3/12 SW	4/11 SW	2/7 SW	2/5 SE	2/5 SE
Glen	4/12 SW	2/9 W	3/8 W	4/10 SW	3/9 SW	3/8 SW	3/5 E	3/6 E	3/5 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-4/-11	-4/-12	-4/-11	-3/-10	-3/-9	-3/-8	-3/-8	-4/-7	-4/-7
900	-3/-10	-3/-10	-3/-10	-2/-9	-2/-8	-2/-8	-3/-7	-3/-6	-3/-6
600	-1/-6	-1/-6	-1/-6	-0/-5	0/-4	0/-4	-1/-4	-1/-3	-1/-4
300	1/-1	1/-1	1/-1	1/-1	2/0	2/-0	1/-1	0/-1	-2/-4
Glen	4/2	3/2	3/2	3/1	5/3	4/3	3/2	3/1	2/0
Freezing Level*	500m	500m	500m	500m	600m	600m	500m	400m	400m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Winds becoming very light later on but a severe wind chill is likely on the munro tops.

Forecast for Wednesday 20 Jan 2021

Weather: Becoming cloudy from the east and despite a mainly dry morning snow showers will develop particularly for the eastern ranges. Further south and west will see the best weather during the day with Glen Shiel staying clear for much of the day. A period of heavy snow is likely on Wednesday night with strong northerly winds causing blizzards on the hills.

Maximum wind: Northeasterly 10mph

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: In the west 70%, more in the way of low cloud in the afternoon. In the east by the afternoon 40% or less as low cloud gathers around 400m and above.

Visibility: Generally good in the morning but in snow showers visibility will deteriorate with possible whiteout conditions by early evening. The best visibility will be on western summits.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 2 rising to Plus 4 Celsius.
At 800m: Minus 5 Celsius.
Freezing level: 200m or less

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